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1. The appeal brief filed on December 22, 2003 is defective because the copy of the claims in the Appendix required under 37 CFR 1.192(c)(9) is incorrect. The amendment received September 26, 2003 subsequent to the final rejection was inadvertently indicated as entered for the purposes of Appeal by the Advisory Action mailed October 15, 2003. The Advisory Action indicated that the applicant's amendment includes limitations not previously claimed (i.e., "distinct from the page" and "forming a composition image on the page") and, therefore, require further search and/or consideration. The amendment, therefore, was not entered.

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monica S. Carter whose telephone number is (703) 305-0305. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (7:00 AM - 4:30 PM).

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